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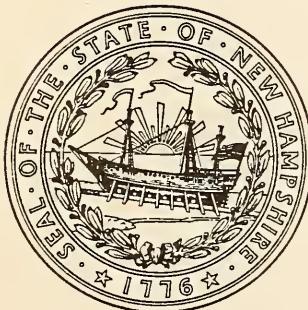
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TOWN OFFICERS

<i>Moderator</i> Lisa Moran	<i>Town Clerk</i> Sylvia Hill	<i>Treasurer</i> Christie Phelps
James M. Larkin Steven D. Gordon James D. Phelps	<i>Selectmen</i>	Term expires 1997 Term expires 1998 Term expires 1999
<i>Tax Collector</i> Sylvia Hill	<i>Deputy Tax Collector</i> Margaret Barnett	
<i>Chief of Police</i> Stephen J. Corsetti	<i>Detective Sergeant</i> Dale J. Cook	
Louise Huntoon Dorothy McGonnigal Maizie Russell	<i>Supervisors of the Checklist</i>	Term expires 1998 Term expires 2000 Term expires 2002
Amy Shepard Phyllis Wiggin Jean Hayes	<i>Library Trustees</i>	Term expires 1997 Term expires 1998 Term expires 1999
Ruby Hill David Szacik Debbie DeSantis	<i>Trustees of Trust Funds</i>	Term expires 1997 Term expires 1998 Term expires 1999
<i>Road Agent</i> Ricky Moran	<i>Auditors</i> Arthur S. Ford Leo V. Zaccaria	
Andy Phelps Donald Buebendorf Jean Corsetti, Chairman John Lavorgna Jon Schurger Alfred (Duke) Reed Steven D. Gordon	<i>Municipal Budget Committee</i>	Term expires 1997 Term expires 1997 Term expires 1998 Term expires 1998 Term expires 1999 Term expires 1999 Ex-Officio (1998)

*Representative to the
School Board*
Wade Heberling

*Representative to the
School Budget Committee*
Jeremy Opitz

Emergency Management Director
Andrew L. Phelps

Forest Fire Warden
James D. Phelps

Merton Austin
James Fifield

Deputy Wardens
Lee V. Ford
Robert Ford

Andrew L. Phelps
June Phelps

Albert Hopkins
Phyllis J. Taylor
Linda Wilson, Chairman
Nancy Schoeller
Jon Schurger
Eddie Phelps, Alternate
James D. Phelps, Selectman

Planning Board

Term expires 1997
Term expires 1998
Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 1999
Ex-Officio (1999)

Recreation Committee

Mark Phelps
Stanley Phelps
Twila Cook
Dale Cook
James M. Larkin, Selectman

Term expires 1997
Term expires 1997
Resigned
Term expires 1998
Ex-Officio (1997)

Cemetery Trustees

Steve Corsetti
Phyllis Wiggin
Timothy Martin

Term expires 1997
Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999

OFFICERS OF DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lloyd A. West

Commissioners
Robert B. Ford

Phyllis Wiggin

Chief
Merton Austin

Captain
Thomas Austin

Deputy Chief
Andrew L. Phelps

Chief Engineer
Lee V. Ford

Clerk
Jon Johnson

Treasurer
Sharon P. Austin

Jon Johnson

Lieutenants
Jonathan Glines

Tammy Phelps

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

In August, we were notified by the Office of State Planning that Danbury was awarded \$350,000 in a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the renovation and conversion of the Old Baptist Church building adjacent to the Town Hall. The Danbury Workshop, Inc., a nonprofit group, plans to use 50% of the building's space to operate a daycare facility and market the remaining space for a variety of other services, including individual recreation, youth athletics, social activities, clinics and an organized program for the elderly. This center would not only provide much needed space for community organizations and functions, but would preserve an important local historical landmark. Our Town is greatly indebted to Leo Zaccaria for his tireless efforts to make this project possible. Currently, we are seeking bids to hire an administrator to oversee this very exciting building conversion.

As authorized at last year's Town Meeting, the Selectmen appointed a five-member committee to develop a recycling plan for the town. Twila Cook, Nancy Reed, Audrey Hudak, Audrey Pellegrino, Nancy Buebendorf and Deb Phelps (chair) were appointed to this committee. The committee reported that the best option for our town would be the separation of paper and commingled containers. An agreement to sell these items was entered into and the town's acceptance and participation has been excellent. Unfortunately, the market for recyclable materials has collapsed, and it is much more expensive to recycle than our other method of disposal, so we have suspended the recycling program until market conditions improve. Much of the success of our new recycling program can also be attributed to Bert Hillsgrave, our Transfer Station attendant.

From May until September, the Selectmen, our Secretary, Christie Phelps, and Tax Collector, Sylvia Hill, spent an inordinate amount of time aligning information on the new tax maps we received from Cartographic Associates with each of the town's 1600+ residential property assessment records. This effort has enabled us to correct any inaccuracies in your assessment records, thus insuring a more equitable tax assessment.

The Board of Selectmen is working with the Department of Transportation in an effort to acquire the former railroad station land in South Danbury and Danbury, as well as the old wood yard across High Street from the Town Hall, for future town use.

Prior to 1997, Danbury experienced a period of three years in which the tax rate has not increased. This probably was not the case for the past year for several reasons: the Town's net assessed valuation increased by only \$549,036 from 1995 to 1996, and we are seeing an increase in the demands for service in such departments as Fast Squad, Highway, Fire and Police, and increasing school and county taxes.

Sadly, 1996 was also a year in which more of our long-time citizens passed on: Lois Baker, Norman Baker, Anna Clews, Doris MacNeill, Harriet Ford, Dorothy Ford and Richard Moran. In addition, Danbury lost a former Selectman and Budget Committee member when Tony Sciucco died in late May.

We again wish to thank all of the volunteers, town employees and citizens of Danbury who contribute greatly to making this a wonderful community in which to live and raise our families.

1996 TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 1996 - The Polls opened from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Election of Town Officers was held at the Town Hall.

The following Town Officers were elected:

James D. Phelps	Selectman 3 yrs.
Steven D. Gordon	Selectman 2 yrs.
Lisa Moran	Moderator 2 yrs.
Christie Phelps	Treasurer 1 yr.
Sylvia Hill	Tax Collector 1 yr.
Sylvia Hill	Town Clerk 1 yr.
Arthur Ford	Auditor 1 yr.
Leo Zaccaria	Auditor 1 yr.
Ricky Moran	Road Agent 1 yr.
Steve Corsetti	Chief of Police 1 yr.
Debbie DeSantis	Trustee of Trust Funds 3 yrs.
Jean Hayes	Trustee of George Gamble Library 3 yrs.
Alfred S. Reed	Municipal Budget Committee 3 yrs.
Jon C. Schurger	Municipal Budget Committee 3 yrs.
Don Buebendorf	Municipal Budget Committee 2 yrs.
Dale James Cook	Recreation Committee 3 yrs.
Twila D. Cook	Recreation Committee 2 yrs.
Timothy R. Martin	Cemetery Trustee 3 yrs.
Maizie L. Russell	Supervisor of Checklist 6 yrs.
Jon C. Schurger	Planning Board 3 yrs.
Nancy Schoeller	Planning Board 3 yrs.

RECONVENED FOR BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at the Danbury Town Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Moderator Wiggin welcomed everyone to Danbury's 200th Town Meeting. Prayer was led by Rev. Charles Hibbard of the Danbury Christian Church, followed by the salute to the American Flag. Moderator introduced the head tables, and announced the rules of conduct for the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (Moderator announced the results of the Election as shown above.)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372,818 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles to be addressed. (Recommended by Budget Committee - \$372,818.00; Recommended by Selectmen - \$380,275.00) Article 2 was read by Steve Gordon explaining differences and reasoning for those differences. Selectmen were pleased to announce that no money had to be borrowed in anticipation of taxes during 1995 for the first time in recent memory. Motion made to accept article by James Phelps, seconded by Dorothy McGonigle. Amendment #1 made by James Phelps, seconded by Walter Morrison, "to amend the appropriation for Welfare Direct Assistance from \$750 to \$1,500." Amendment

#1 passed with a voice vote. Amendment #2 made by James Phelps, seconded by Jon Schurger, "to amend the appropriation for **Highways and Streets** from **\$141,610 to \$143,910**. The additional \$2,300 is for the replacement of the dump body on the 1987 International Dump Truck." Amendment passed by voice vote. Amendment #3 made by Sylvia Hill, seconded by James Phelps, "to amend Article 2 to increase **Election, Registration & Vital Statistics** by \$40 to \$8,623, for postage, and **Financial Administration** by \$100 to \$14,920, also for postage." Amendment passed by voice vote. Amendment 4 made by Twila Cook, seconded by Stanley Phelps, "to increase the appropriation of the **Parks and Recreation** by \$900 to make the total amount \$2,600." Amendment passed by voice vote.

Article #2 Passed as amended with Total of \$376,908 Operating Budget.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Building Permit Ordinance" adopted at Town Meeting in 1987 to read as follows:

Applications for said permit shall include the following:

- (1) Public Utilities Commission Energy Code approval as required by RSA 155-D.
- (2) N.H. Water Supply & Pollution Control Commission approval for septic system construction.
- (3) A sketch of adequate detail to show the location of the proposed dwelling and its relation to roads and property lines.
- (4) State or local driveway permits.
- (5) Any other information that may be required to ensure that the dwelling shall comply with all state and local regulations.

The Selectmen shall issue or deny this permit in writing within 15 days of its receipt of application.

This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Selectmen with penalties for non-compliance as provided in Town ordinance. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by George Stitt, to adopt the article. Amendment made by James Phelps, seconded by George Stitt, "to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance: Building Permit Ordinance: No person shall erect any building, locate any mobile home, or locate any camper or travel trailer for a period of greater than 30 days; or construct any other structure without first obtaining a permit from the Selectmen." This amendment strikes the words "for purposes of human habitation" from the prior ordinance for clarification, and changes the word "dwelling" to "structure." This is not intended to change the enforcement procedures as in place for the past nine years. Amendment passed with a show of hands, 48 in favor, 40 opposed.

Article #3 Passed as amended.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,720 for the purchase of a new Highway Department Loader as follows: \$5,000 to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; \$10,720 to be raised by taxation in 1996; the balance to be raised by issuing a long-term note of four years; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate said note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Christopher Euerle, to adopt the article. Amendment made by James Phelps, seconded by Dorothy McGonigle, "to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,000 for the purchase of a new Highway Department Loader as follows: \$5,000 to be withdrawn from the **Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**; \$8,000 to be raised by **taxation in 1996**; the balance to be raised by issuing a long-term note of four years; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate said note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Amendment passed by voice vote. **Ballot Vote required for long-term note: 85 Yes, 15 No. 2/3 majority vote required - Article #4 Passed as amended.**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five people to do the necessary research, hold a public meeting(s) and develop a recycling plan for the Town of Danbury. This proposed plan to be presented to the Board of Selectmen by June 30, 1996. The sum of \$2,200.00 to be raised and appropriated in anticipation of implementing said recycling plan and to cover expenses of the committee. Committee expenses shall not exceed \$200.00. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Tony Sciucco, seconded by John Lavorgna. Amendment made by Tony Sciucco, seconded by Jean Corsetti, "to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five people to do the necessary research, hold a public meeting(s) and develop a recycling plan for the Town of Danbury. This proposed plan to be presented to the Board of Selectmen by June 30, 1996. The sum of \$200.00 to be raised and appropriated in anticipation of implementing said recycling plan and to cover expenses of the committee. Committee expenses shall not exceed \$200.00. Amendment failed by voice vote. **Article #5 Passed by voice vote as initially presented.**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Mark Phelps, to adopt the article. After discussion, motion and second were withdrawn in order to allow a vote on Article 7 first. Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Tim Martin, to move Article 7 before Article 6. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for a fully equipped, "duty ready" 1996 Ford Explorer 4x4 Police Cruiser as specified by the Chief of Police as follows: \$7,500 to be raised by taxation in 1996; \$7,500 to be raised by issuing a long-term note of two years;

and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to also authorize the expenditure of \$15,000 from the Police Capital Reserve Fund for this same purpose. (Not recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made to move Article 7 by Steven Gordon, seconded by Miriam Huntoon. Ballot vote required with 2/3 majority to pass. Article #7 Failed: 61 No, 39 Yes.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Leo Zaccaria, to adopt Article 6 as presented. Article #6 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion by Lynne Zaccaria, seconded by Albert Hopkins, to adopt the article as presented. Article #8 Passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900 for the replacement of an overhead door at the Fire Station. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) . Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Donald Haynes, to adopt the article as presented. Article #9 Passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750, to be raised by taxation in 1996, for the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police Professional Standards Committee to provide a Professional Management Review, Evaluation and Department/Community Needs Assessment. (Not recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Timothy Martin, seconded by Tammy Phelps, to pass over. Motion failed by show of hands, 27 Yes, 38 No. Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Twila Cook, to adopt the article. Amendment made by Lisa Moran, seconded by Lynne Zaccaria, "to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250, to be raised by taxation in 1996 and for the NH Municipal Association Property Liability Insurance Trust to contribute \$500 to provide a professional management review, evaluation and department/community needs assessment by the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police Professional Standards Committee." Amendment passed by voice vote. Article #10 Passed as amended by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$940 to be raised by taxation in 1996, for the purchase and installation of a security and alarm system upgrade as specified by the Chief of Police for the Danbury Police Department office. (Not recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Tim Martin, seconded by James Phelps, to pass over. Motion failed by voice vote. . Motion made by Mark Phelps, seconded by Twila Cook, to adopt the article. Article #11 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to designate Brad Chase, Forbes Mtn. Road, Frazier Road, New Canada Road, Walker Brook Road and Wiggin Road as "Scenic Roads" pursuant to RSA 231:157-158. This designation shall not affect the Town's eligibility for State aid funds for such roads; it shall not preclude emergency repairs to such roads or to utilities within the public right-of-way; and it shall not affect the rights of landowners with respect to work on their own property except as provided by other laws protecting boundary markers and stone walls. Motion made by Phyllis Taylor, seconded by Linda Wilson, to adopt the article. .. Motion made by Tammie Phelps, seconded by Audrey Pellegrino, to limit debate to 20 minutes, withdrawn after much discussion. Article #12 Defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Harold Knott, to adopt the article. Article #13 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to amend the sign ordinance adopted in 1987 to read as follows:

- J. The height of any sign shall not exceed 20 feet above surrounding road grade.

This changes from the original wording which read:

- J. The height of any free-standing sign shall not exceed 20 feet above surrounding road grade, or 2 feet above the roof ridge of any building to which it is affixed.

Motion made by James Phelps, seconded by Lynne Zaccaria, to adopt the article. Article #14 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to urge our Representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter;
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures.
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time; postal subsidies, and democratic

(public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.

Motion made by Linda Wilson, seconded by Harold Knott. Article spoken to by Birch Lorrette. Article #15 Passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by James Phelps. Article #16 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gifts, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of any such personal property. Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Albert Hopkins. Article #17 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any material or equipment deemed surplus to the Town's needs. Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by Mary Lou Hinman. Article #18 Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Andy Phelps extended public thanks to Tony Sciucco for eleven years of service on the Budget Committee. Motion made by Steven Gordon, seconded by James Phelps, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

DANBURY'S 1996 TOWN MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:57 P.M.

The above is a certified copy of the minutes of Danbury's 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

DANBURY TOWN WARRANT

The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March next, at eleven A.M. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following issues:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Town Meeting to reconvene with

Business Meeting Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Danbury Town Hall

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$422,456 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles to be addressed. (Recommended by Budget Committee-\$422,456. Recommended by Selectmen-\$443,262.00)
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000.00 to purchase a fully equipped, "duty ready" 4x4 Police Cruiser as recommended by a three-person committee consisting of one member of the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee and the Police Department; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$18,800 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose; furthermore, to issue a long-term note for two years for \$18,200, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.)
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for the purchase of two roll-off recycling containers. (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.)
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the following disposal fees for the Danbury Transfer Station as set forth in RSA 41:9-a and RSA 33-B:1,VI:

Tires: Standard Size:	\$2.00/tire
Over 15" Size:	\$10.00/tire
Heavy Equipment	\$20.00/tire
Refrigerators/Freezers/Air Conditioners:	\$10.00/each
Sheetrock, Shingles, & other	
Nonburnable Demolition Materials	\$25.00/pick
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck and to authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose; furthermore, to issue a long-term note for six years in the amount of \$75,000.00 and to

authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to raise the balance of \$15,000.00 by taxation in 1997. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen & Budget Committee only in the event that the preceding article fails to be approved at Town Meeting.)
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to upgrade the computer systems and provide networking capabilities in the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Selectmen's offices. (Recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.)
9. To see if the Town will vote on the following:

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Danbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years (\$5,000.00); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years (\$10,000.00); for a person, 80 years of age or older (\$20,000.00). To qualify, the person must have been New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400.00 or if married, a combined income of less than \$20,400.00, and own assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence.

10. To see if the Town will vote to enact a Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Ordinance as follows:

A person is guilty of consumption of an alcoholic beverage in public if:

- I. He:
 - (a) consumes any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any street, public place or public building within the Town of Danbury.
 - (b) consumes any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any private land, building or place without consent of the owner or person thereof.
- II. Possession of an open bottle or container of any alcoholic beverage shall be considered *prima facie* evidence of consumption.
- III. For the purpose of this ordinance alcoholic beverages are defined in New Hampshire RSA 175:1 Section III and VIII.
- IV. Alcoholic beverages being consumed in violation of this ordinance shall be seized and held until the case is disposed of in the courts after which such beverages shall be returned to the person entitled to their lawful possession.
- V. Whoever violates any provisions of this ordinance shall pay a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent

offense.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gifts, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of any such personal property.
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any material or equipment deemed surplus to the Town's needs.
14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-seven.

James D. Phelps

James M. Larkin

Steven D. Gordon

Selectmen of Danbury

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

James D. Phelps

James M. Larkin

Steven D. Gordon

Selectmen of Danbury

BUDGET

	Actual Appropriations 1996	Actual Expenditures 1996	Selection's Recommended Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year 1997	Not Recommended	Budget Committee Recommended Ensuing Fiscal Year 1997	Not Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	\$ 24,859	\$ 22,823	\$ 23,533	\$ 750	\$ 22,941	\$ 592
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,623	8,837	9,461	625	9,105	1,106
Financial Administration	14,920	14,189	15,470		15,145	950
Legal Expense	1,000	635	1,000		1,000	
Personnel Administration	10,000	10,490	11,650		12,525	(875)
Planning and Zoning	850	572	1,140		1,140	
General Government Buildings	6,100	4,840	5,100		4,550	550
Cemeteries	2,400	2,340	2,500		2,800	(300)
Insurance	13,500	13,197	14,000		14,000	
Advertising and Regional Associations	5,181	5,179	5,473		5,473	
Other General Government		8,108				
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	39,695	32,787	35,883	4,662	39,206	1,339
Ambulance	5,400	5,400	6,240		5,070	1,170
Fire	8,100	7,678	15,980	(1,980)	15,980	(1,980)
Emergency Management	251	260	251		251	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS						
Administration - Highways and Streets*	143,910	168,144	173,478		149,852	35,232
Street Lighting & Other	4,200	4,335	4,400		4,400	
SANITATION						
Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup	44,864	41,593	50,510		52,067	(1,557)
HEALTH						
Administration - Pest Control	1,500	2,077	2,000		2,000	
Health Agencies and Hospitals	5,646	4,236	6,269	350	6,269	350

WELFARE				
Administration & Direct Assistance	1,500	1,254	1,000	1,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Parks and Recreation	6,926	6,967	6,780	505
Library	3,810	3,735	3,856	(214)
Patriotic Purposes	300	335	350	(50)
Other Culture and Recreation	350	350	350	350
DEBT SERVICE				1
Principal of Long-term Bonds & Notes	20,587	20,586	25,337	
Interest - Long-term Bonds & Notes	1,636	1,654	3,251	
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	-0-	3,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	73,000	73,000		
Buildings	3,590	4,402		
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			15,000**	
To Capital Reserve Fund	22,000	22,000	15,000**	
MISCELLANEOUS				
Warrant Article #4 Police Cruiser		37,000	37,000	
Warrant Article #5 Recycling Containers		7,500	7,500	
Warrant Article #7 Fire Truck		120,000*	120,000*	
Warrant Article #9 Computer Upgrade		7,000	7,000	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$477,698	\$492,001	\$614,762	\$16,313
				<u>\$586,956</u>
				<u>\$ 43,819</u>

** \$15,000 to Capital Reserve Fund recommended only if Warrant Article #7 for \$120,000 for Fire Truck fails to pass.

*\$27,923 was received in Flood Disaster Relief Funds in addition to the Town Appropriation.

BUDGET

	Estimated Revenues 1996	Actual Revenues 1996	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year 1997
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes			\$ 3,000
Resident Taxes	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,420	5,400
Yield Taxes	7,500	7,821	8,000
Boat Taxes	200	210	200
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	20,000	26,090	25,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Business Licenses and Permits - UCC	400	550	500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	70,000	74,679	70,000
Building Permits	300	200	
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,000	888	800
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	12,356	28,054	22,507
Highway Block Grant	99,581	99,580	102,854
Other - FEMA	18,494	27,923	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	400	2,912	500
Other Charges - Tax Collector Fees	2,500	6,878	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	1,400	1,400	
Other - Checking Account Interest	1,500	2,964	1,500

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
Capital Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	48,800	
From Trust and Agency Funds	1,250	1,250	1,300	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proc. from Long-term Notes & Bonds	60,000	60,000	93,200	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	<hr/> \$307,381	<hr/> \$351,819	<hr/> \$388,561	

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Selection	Budget Committee
Recommended	\$ 443,262	\$ 422,456
Individual Warrant Articles	14,500	7,500
Special Warrant Articles	157,000	157,000
Appropriations Recommended	614,762	586,956
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues	<hr/> 388,561	<hr/> 388,561
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	<hr/> \$ 226,201	<hr/> \$ 198,395

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Danbury Budget Committee was very happy to welcome Duke Reed as newly elected 3-year member, Jon Schurger reelected 3-year member, and Don Buebendorf interim 1-year member.

During the 1996 year the Danbury Budget Committee spent nearly 80 hours reviewing the 1996 town expenses and 1997 budget requests. We met on the first Monday of every month from April through September; and then starting in October, we met on a weekly basis.

We have looked at all of the 1997 department requests and considered not only the department's 1995 and 1996 expenditures and 1997 needs, but also the town's resources. We believe we have recommended a fair budget for all departments for 1997 that serve these two criteria and hope you will support our recommendations at town meeting.

The committee wishes to express special thanks to retiring member Andy Phelps. His many years of dedicated service to the Budget Committee have been greatly appreciated, and his knowledge and expertise will be missed. We remind him, as well as all members of the community, that the Budget Committee meetings are open to the public, and any input we receive is welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Corsetti, Chairman

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
LAND		
Current Use Land	\$ 1,148,665.00	\$ 1,200,381.00
Conservation Restriction	-0-	-0-
Other Land	13,250,213.00	14,292,218.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	<u>\$ 14,398,878.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,492,599.00</u>
BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$ 23,779,183.00	24,054,206.00
Manufactured Housing	1,081,148.00	1,122,879.00
Commercial/Industrial	734,417.00	841,273.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	<u>\$ 25,594,748.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,968,358.00</u>
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	799,939.00	799,939.00
TOTAL OF UTILITIES	<u>\$ 799,939.00</u>	<u>\$ 799,939.00</u>
TOTAL VALUATION		
BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	<u>\$ 40,793,565.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,646,266.00</u>
Elderly Exemptions Allowed	-390,000.00	-300,899.00
NET VALUATION	<u>\$ 40,403,565.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,345,367.00</u>
TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS		
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$ 1,065,442.00	\$ 1,148,310.00
Less War Service Credits (76)	-11,600.00	-14,400.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	<u>\$ 1,053,842.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,910.00</u>
TAX RATE		
Town	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.19
County	1.99	2.08
School District	21.70	23.77
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	<u>\$ 26.37</u>	<u>\$ 28.04</u>

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 439,142.00	\$ 477,198.00
Total Revenues and Credits	359,261.00	403,218.00
Net Town Appropriations	79,881.00	89,695.00
Net School Assessment	876,955.00	973,383.00
County Tax Assessment	80,516.00	85,232.00
Total of Town, School and County	\$ 1,037,352.00	\$ 1,148,310.00
Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimb.	-0-	-0-
Add War Service Credits	11,600.00	(14,400.00)
Add Overlay	4,890.00	5,067.00
<u>Property Taxes to be Raised</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,842.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,910.00</u>

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation (\$40,952,601) x Tax Rate (\$28.04) = Property Taxes to be raised
(\$1,148,310)

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Year ending December 31, 1996**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended	
			Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$ 24,859.00	\$ 22,822.95	\$ 2,036.05	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,623.00	8,837.50		214.50
Financial Administration	14,920.00	14,189.16	730.84	
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	635.00	365.00	
Personnel Administration	10,000.00	10,490.22		490.22
Planning & Zoning	850.00	571.85	278.15	
General Government Buildings	6,100.00	4,840.29	1,259.71	
Cemeteries	2,400.00	2,339.86	60.14	
Insurance	13,500.00	13,196.82	303.18	
Advertising & Regional Associations	5,181.00	5,178.91	2.09	
Tax Mapping	10,100.00	8,108.13	1,991.87	
Police Department	39,695.00	32,786.83	6,908.17	
Ambulance	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	
Fire Department	8,100.00	7,678.18	421.82	
Emergency Management	1.00	1.00	0.00	
Forest Fire Control	250.00	258.82		8.82
Highways & Streets	143,910.00	168,143.54		24,233.54
Street Lighting	4,200.00	4,334.85		134.85
Solid Waste Disposal	42,664.00	39,754.60	2,909.40	
Recycling	2,200.00	1,838.01	361.99	
Animal Control	1,500.00	1,893.12		393.12
Health Agencies and Hospitals	3,092.00	2,061.33	1,030.67	
FAST Squad	2,554.00	2,174.85	379.15	
Welfare - Direct Assistance	1,500.00	1,253.80	246.20	
Parks & Recreation	6,926.00	6,966.58		40.58
Library	3,810.00	3,734.75	75.25	
Patriotic Purposes	150.00	184.50		34.50
Old Home Day	150.00	150.00	0.00	
Senior Citizen Program	350.00	350.00	0.00	
Long-term Notes	20,587.00	20,586.00	1.00	
Interest on Long-term Notes	1,636.00	1,654.27		18.27
Tax Anticipation Interest	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
Buildings/Beautification	1,563.00	1,562.00	1.00	
Loader Purchase	78,440.00	73,000.00	5,440.00	
Police Review Study	750.00	0.00	750.00	
Building Improvement	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00	
Police Security Update	940.00	940.00	0.00	
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Police Department Capital Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	
TOTALS	\$494,801.00	\$491,817.72	\$ 28,551.68	\$ 25,568.40
UNEXPENDED BALANCE:		SURPLUS:		
Unexpended Balances	\$28,551.68	Building/Beautification	\$	0.00
Less Overdrafts	25,568.40			
	\$ 2,983.28	TOTAL RESERVED	\$	0.00
		SURPLUS APPROPRIATIONS	\$	2,983.28

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS
as of December 31, 1996

COMMON TRUST - Cemeteries

Beginning Balance		\$ 33,127.79
Income		
New Funds	0.00	
Interest	1,904.90	
Expenses		
Maintenance	1,250.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 33,782.69

PARSONAGE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 300.00
Income		
Interest	9.10	
Expenses		
Danbury Christian Church	0.00	
United Church of Danbury	0.00	
S. Danbury Christian Church	0.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 309.10

FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,113.84
Income		
Interest	94.44	
Ending Balance		\$ 3,208.28

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,489.46
Income		
New Funds	5,000.00	
Interest	58.61	
Expenses		
Loader Payment	5,000.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 5,548.07

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,880.85
Income		
New Funds	2,000.00	
Interest	711.30	
Ending Balance		\$ 18,592.15

BRIDGE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 11,473.85
Income		
New Funds	5,000.00	
Interest	408.37	
Ending Balance		\$ 16,882.22

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 15,000.00
Income		
New Funds	15,000.00	
Interest	636.01	
Ending Balance		\$ 30,636.01

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Debbie DeSantis
Ruby Hill
Dave Szacik

TREASURER'S REPORT
for Year Ending December 31, 1996

TOWN CLERK INCOME

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 74,690.20
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	366.00
Municipal Agent Fees	630.00
Marriage License Fees	370.00
Birth & Death Certificates	164.00
Dog Licenses	1,157.00
Dog License Late Fees	31.00
Election Filing Fees	14.00
UCC Tax Lien Fees	550.00
Pole Licenses	20.00
Checklist Copies	75.00
Miscellaneous Charges	42.32
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$ 78,109.52

NEW LONDON TRUST

Checking Account Interest	\$ 1,676.55
TOTAL NEW LONDON TRUST	\$ 1,676.55

BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Proceeds Long-term Debt	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL FOR BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 60,000.00

TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 1,250.00
Loader Purchase	5,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS	\$ 6,250.00

INCOME FROM STATE OF NH

Shared Revenue	\$ 28,053.87
Highway Block Grant	99,580.57
Flood Disaster Relief	27,923.00
TOTAL FROM STATE OF NH	\$ 155,557.44

TAX COLLECTOR INCOME

96 Property Tax	\$ 838,004.10
95 Property Tax	171,643.47
96 Resident Tax	4,860.00
95 Resident Tax	550.00
94 Resident Tax	10.00
Timber Yield Tax	7,919.32
Boat Tax	209.67

Interest on Overdue Tax	11,494.88
Resident Tax Penalty	111.77
Yield Tax Interest	276.30
95 Redemptions	47,162.97
94 Redemptions	27,147.73
93 Redemptions	32,673.70
TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 1,142,063.91
 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	
Income from Planning Board	\$ 135.00
Income from Police Department	200.00
Donation to Recreation	2,500.00
Welfare Reimbursement	77.00
Insurance Dividend	587.08
Insurance Claim Settlement	701.85
Sale of Town Property	1,400.00
Sale of Photocopies	74.25
Bicentennial Income	1,057.37
Tax Collector Fees	4,961.50
Town Clerk, other	116.07
Current Use Applications	72.00
Phone Refund of Overpayment	5.72
Building and/or Pistol Permits	796.00
Postage Reimbursement	21.20
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 12,705.04
 BEGINNING BALANCE	 \$ 377,905.40
INCOME LISTED ABOVE	\$ 1,456,362.46
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR USE	\$ 1,834,267.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,585,850.27
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/96	\$ 248,417.59

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1996
January 1 through December 31, 1996

1244	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 74,690.20
187	Motor Vehicle Title Fees	366.00
252	Municipal Agent Fees	630.00
9	Marriage License Fees	370.00
9	Birth & Death Certificates	164.00
196	Dog License Fees	1,157.00
24	Dog License Late Fees	31.00
14	Election Filing Fees	14.00
36	UCCS, Fed. Tax Lien Fees	550.00
2	Pole Licenses	20.00
3	Checklist Copies	75.00
8	Miscellaneous Income	42.32

Total Fees Collected for 1/1/96 - 12/31/96

\$ 78,109.52

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge.

Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

1996 was an interesting and busy year! Those of you who have come for car registrations since the end of August have been pleased to enjoy the added benefit of obtaining your renewal stickers in this office! Most have been elated that you no longer must go out of town unless you need a transfer or new plates. Due to the complexity of those transactions, the State does not allow new Municipal agents to do them.

The annual conferences and training sessions for Town Clerks and Tax Collectors are an invaluable learning experience affording an opportunity to share knowledge, procedures and friendships with those who are otherwise isolated from others who have the same responsibilities. I was able to hold the costs down by sharing room and travel expenses with other towns. I appreciate all the support from you, the citizens of Danbury, as well as the more experienced clerks and collectors in the surrounding area, and even the state agencies and vendors with whom we work.

Recording of the tax map information was completed for the second tax billing. It will take a while to answer all the related questions; however, the project was very well done and will continue to be a very useful tool for the town.

A friendly spirit of cooperation prevails here at the Town Hall and an effort is made to make your visits here as pleasant as possible! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

**Telephone with answering machine for Town Clerk & Tax Collector:
(603) 768-5448**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

1/1/96-12/31/96

Levies of:

1996

Prior

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 180,365.75
Resident Taxes	1,220.00
Yield Taxes	1,987.28

Revenues Committed this Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,136,887.31
Resident Taxes	6,730.00
Yield Taxes	8,199.59

Overpayments:

Property Taxes	(2,281.92)
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Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes:

1,589.95	11,555.31
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Collected Resident Tax Penalties

14.00	58.00
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 1,151,138.93	\$ 195,186.34
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Levies of:

1996

Prior

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 826,247.18	\$ 180,498.02
Resident Taxes	4,860.00	580.00
Yield Taxes	5,932.06	1,987.28
Interest	1,579.73	11,605.05
Penalties	14.00	58.00

Abatements Made:

Resident Taxes	640.00
Yield Taxes	361.16

Uncollected Revenues - End of Year:

Property Taxes	303,326.50	(182.01)
Resident Taxes	1,870.00	
Yield Taxes	1,917.21	

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 1,151,138.93	\$ 195,186.34
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

- Tax Sale/Lien on Account on Levies Of -

	1995	1994	1993	1991-92
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes-Fiscal Year	\$ 676.67	\$ 55,508.94	\$ 28,335.37	\$ 646.61
Liens Sold/Executed During Fiscal Year	105,233.20			
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	5,144.87	5,687.45	8,105.42	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 111,054.74	\$ 61,196.39	\$ 36,440.79	\$ 646.61

Remittance to Treasurer
 During Fiscal Year:

Redemptions	\$ 44,740.73	\$ 23,758.71	\$ 24,178.88	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	24.00	35.32		
Unredeemed Liens Deeded to Munic.	2,170.31	2,580.30	2,424.57	
Unredeemed Liens	58,859.46	61,196.39	446.04	646.61
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 111,054.74	\$ 61,196.39	\$ 36,440.79	\$ 646.61

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE OFFICE

James D. Phelps, Selectman	\$ 1,800.00
Steven D. Gordon, Selectman	1,650.00
James M. Larkin, Selectman	1,650.00
NYNEX	1,140.42
ATT Long Distance	131.92
BMSI Software Support	1,013.60
Kearsarge Shopper, advertising	154.60
Municipal Association, manuals	43.50
CPI Printing-Vouchers	225.62
Blazing Star Grange, calendar advertising	29.50
Cartographic Associates, copy of map	9.00
Piper Printing, reset seal	20.00
Municipal Association Dues	500.00
Health Officer Dues	20.00
NH Assessor Assoc. Dues	10.00
Drug Test Pool Dues	56.65
NH Business Review Subscription	24.00
Viking Office Products	393.14
Staples Office Products	299.79
Quill Office Products	26.37
NEBS Business Forms	30.47
Steven Gordon, reimbursement for flag	26.80
Chris Phelps, postage reimbursement	50.31
Postmaster, Danbury	400.00
Stamped Envelope Agency	204.60
Chris Phelps, reimbursement fax machine	249.99
Xerox Corporation, lease payments	1,184.40
BMSI, year end seminar	35.00
Phyllis Wiggin, moderator	150.00
Lisa Moran, moderator	50.00
S. Hill, Town Meeting attendance	50.00
Piper Printing, print town report	2,493.60
Chris Phelps, secretary wages	8,699.67
Total	\$ 22,822.95

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Margaret Barnett, Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 150.00
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk	5,000.00
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk Fees	545.00
Kearsarge Shopper, advertising	20.30
Town Clerk Association Dues	20.00
Quill Office Supplies	40.53

Staples Office Products	148.55
Business Management, computer supplies	27.25
Sylvia Hill, reimbursement for supplies	49.83
Town Clerk Assoc., vital statistics binders	15.00
Sylvia Hill, postage reimbursement	37.95
Postmaster, Danbury	20.00
Sylvia Hill, reimbursement for books	104.00
National Market Report, valuation books	45.00
Stark & Sons, dog tags	80.10
Piper Printing, ballots and tally sheets	73.65
Sylvia Hill, reimbursement for equipment purchase	75.90
Town Clerk Assoc. , convention expenses	100.00
Sylvia Hill, reimbursement for convention expenses	44.10
Total	\$ 6,597.16

VOTER REGISTRATION

Maizie Russell, Supervisor Checklist	\$ 361.50
Louise Huntoon, Supervisor Checklist	388.64
Dot McGonnigal, Supervisor Checklist	320.00
Sylvia Hill, checklist update	75.00
Kearsarge Shopper, advertising	99.10
Evans Printing, registration cards	52.76
Stamped Envelope Agency	27.65
Louise Huntoon, reimbursement for card file	18.98
Leona Russell, Ballot Clerk	288.13
Margaret Quinn, Ballot Clerk	288.13
Sylvia Hill, election wages	300.00
Sylvia Hill, vital statistics update	20.00
Total	\$ 2,239.89

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Debbie Desantis, Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 50.00
David Szacik, Trustee of Trust Funds	50.00
Ruby Hill, Trustee of Trust Funds	50.00
Arthur Ford, Auditor	150.00
Leo Zaccaria, Auditor	150.00
Margaret Barnett, Deputy Tax Collector	150.00
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector wages	5,200.00
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector fees	4,432.50
NH Tax Collector Assoc., dues	15.00
BMSI, computer supplies	27.25
Stales Office Products	179.19
Quill Office Products	13.18
Sylvia Hill, reimbursement for supplies, expenses, postage, mileage	529.50
Stamped Envelope Agency	938.60

Postmaster, Danbury	541.66
NH Municipal Association, tax booklets	10.00
Balsams Resort, Tax Collectors Convention	356.50
BMSI, seminar fees	95.00
NH Tax Collector's Seminar	20.00
Sylvia Hill, Change Fund	100.00
Christie Phelps, Treasurer	1,000.00
Kearsarge Shopper, Budget Committee advertising	36.90
NH Municipal Assoc., Budget law books	10.00
Quill Corporation, cassette tapes for Budget Committee	83.88
Total	\$ 14,189.16

LEGAL EXPENSES

Westcott, Millham & Dyer, Ford deed	\$ 500.00
Michels & Michels, Echo Glen deed	135.00
Total	\$ 635.00

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Unemployment, Workmen's Compensation	\$ 625.65
Employers Contribution of Social Security/Medicare	9,864.57
Total	\$ 10,490.22

TAX MAPPING

Cartographic Associates, contract	\$ 7,630.00
Stamped Envelope Agency, mailing supplies	108.50
Kearsarge Shopper, advertising	50.95
Granite State Stamp for Tax Maps	9.50
Postmaster, stamps	288.00
Staples Office Products, envelopes	21.18
Total	\$ 8,108.13

PLANNING AND ZONING

Cartographic Associates, plans	\$ 70.00
Kearsarge Shopper, advertising	57.20
State of New Hampshire, office supplies	32.72
LRPC, Subdivision Review Handbook	30.00
Albert Hopkins, reimbursement for postage	72.19
Stamped Envelope Agency	27.65
Linda Wilson, reimbursement for book	32.40
Michie, Land Use Handbook	35.99
Lakes Region Planning Commission, seminar fees	55.70
Linda Wilson, reimbursement for seminar	49.00
Phyllis Taylor, reimbursement for seminar	34.00
NHMA, Municipal Law Lecture Series	75.00
Total	\$ 571.85

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

R. P. Johnson, supplies	\$ 139.50
Ed Phelps, snow removal	270.00
Public Service of New Hampshire	1,345.85
Johnson & Dix, heating oil	1,046.07
George Hill, window repair	573.17
Danbury General Store, supplies	50.32
John Hunt, library heat repair	80.00
Mango Security, monitoring fee & repairs	410.01
Jim Larkin, labor	49.00
Bill Gealy, wiring	406.37
Laconia Monument, park plaque	470.00
Total	\$ 4,840.29

CEMETERIES

Richard Conway, labor	\$ 69.00
Kenneth Phelps, labor	289.25
Noel Phelps, labor	301.00
Andy Phelps, labor	354.67
Joshua Hatch, labor	114.01
Jeremy Martin, labor	128.26
Jeremiah Moses, labor	9.50
James Fifield, labor	10.00
R. P. Johnson, supplies	24.41
Ron Bruno, equipment rental	600.00
Chris Euerle, equipment rental	140.00
Andy Phelps, equipment rental	113.32
Jeremiah Moses, equipment rental	4.50
Kenneth Phelps, equipment rental	100.63
James Fifield, reimbursement for hinges	20.00
F. W. Whitcomb, Hardpak	61.31
Total	\$ 2,339.86

INSURANCE

New Hampshire Property Liability Trust	\$ 13,196.82
Total	\$ 13,196.82

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Lakes Region Planning Commission	\$ 775.00
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid	2,381.91
Community Action Program	1,222.00
Council on Aging	450.00
NH Humane Society	300.00
Twin Rivers Counseling	50.00
Total	\$ 5,178.91

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Corsetti, Police Chief	15,561.50
Jean Corsetti, labor	1,610.27
Dale Cook, labor	1,624.38
Merrimack County Attorney, legal fees	500.00
ATT Long Distance	18.21
NYNEX, phone service	2,313.60
Merrimack County Dispatch	4,509.00
Nancy Saner, Halloween detail	84.00
Neal Stone, Halloween detail	70.00
Merrimack Sheriff Dept., Halloween cruiser rental	50.00
Benson Auto, cruiser repair	356.44
Gary's Auto, cruiser repair	490.56
Wilson Tire	125.84
Newfound Glass, window repair	136.43
Steve Corsetti, reimbursement for oil	1.50
Postmaster, Police box rental	8.00
Piper Printing, stationery, forms	88.30
Domestic Violence Seminar	20.00
Staples Office Products, office supplies	124.36
Danbury General Store	27.23
Dick's Store	26.00
Forrest Powers, reimbursement for insurance report	10.00
Postmaster, stamps	32.00
Steve Corsetti, postage reimbursement	2.52
State of New Hampshire, radar certification	20.00
Jean Corsetti, reimbursement for equipment repair	103.50
Wright Communications, radio supplies and reprogram.	757.50
Dale Cook, mileage	11.50
Steve Corsetti, mileage	18.00
Irving Oil	748.73
Dick's Store, fuel	23.00
Smith, Schroeder, Thomas, books	65.00
Michie, books, periodicals	235.94
State of NH, boat & criminal law books	73.00
Galls, Inc., pistol locker	86.93
Neptune, uniform purchases	1,090.95
Staples Office Products, file cabinets	99.98
Debi Phelps, road signs	450.00
Shooting Sports, ammunition	521.60
Jean Corsetti, pager purchase reimbursement	132.00
Ossipee Mtn. Electronics, flashlight and adaptor	99.65
Interstate Arms, firearms purchase	459.41
Total	\$ 32,786.83

ANIMAL CONTROL

Stephen Corsetti, wages	\$ 1,271.75
Jean Corsetti, wages	92.62
Dale Cook, wages	114.00
Carroll Concrete, dog pens	151.65
R. P. Johnson, supplies for dog pens	60.40
Parkhurst, Dogloos	184.00
Dick's Store, supplies	5.45
Jim Larkin, labor for dog pens	197.23
Total	\$ 2,077.10

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Ricky Moran, labor	\$ 35,956.26
Glen Gallup, labor	14,684.19
James Fifield, labor	11,327.50
Thomas Blay, labor	9,294.00
Debi Phelps, labor	126.00
Irving Oil Corporation	317.40
Danbury General Store, misc. cleaning supplies	28.16
Alltex, uniform rentals	1,501.05
Public Service of New Hampshire	587.99
NYNEX, phone service	310.01
Johnson & Dix, heating oil	1,081.83
Road Agent Association, dues	5.00
Union Oil, diesel fuel	3,357.17
Johnson & Dix, diesel fuel	4,160.99
Ricky Moran, mileage	1,592.00
James Fifield, mileage	19.50
Thomas Blay, mileage	20.00
UNH, road workshops	45.00
Blaktop, Inc., hot top	18,239.12
Vermont Chloride, calcium chloride	656.00
Blaktop, Inc., cold patch	1,592.25
June Phelps, bank run gravel	5,116.50
J. D. McLeod, crushed gravel	1,956.00
Bixbuy Crushing, crushed gravel	6,000.00
Alvin Currier, bank run gravel	481.25
Jim Phelps, screen gravel & loam	394.00
Akzo Nobel, salt	3,867.40
Jim Phelps, winter sand	4,138.50
Total	\$ 126,855.07

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL SUPPLIES

Lawson Products	\$ 642.02
Donbeck Sales	133.00

Cohen Steel	384.08
N. E. Airgas	377.77
R. P. Johnson	636.71
B. B. Chain	441.00
Danbury General Store	46.72
Howard Fairfield	37.11
Merrian Graves	116.74
Junction Services	6.00
C. R. McCloud	22.00
Public Works Supply	136.96
W. T. Supply	354.80
Lane Ballston Spa, culverts	1,529.50
Atlantic Broom	1,526.32
R. P. Williams	99.92
Wallace Propane	33.42
MN Municipal Truck Services	75.00
Highway Steel	608.00
Total	\$ 7,165.07

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RENTALS

Don Ford, snow removal	\$ 6,835.00
Carl Matthews, screener rental	2,700.00
E. W. Sleeper, sweeper rental	225.00
Ed Benware, roadside mowing	2,800.00
Ron Moran, chipper & snowplow	490.00
Chris Euerle, backhoe	2,025.00
Phelps Construction, backhoe	1,424.00
WWD Tree Removal	100.00
N. E. Airgas, welding lease	100.00
Ricky Moran, snow plow rental	125.00
Total	\$ 16,824.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

VEHICLE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

Bolduc Brothers	\$ 45.00
Newfound Glass	160.00
S. G. Reed	1,855.09
Howard Fairfield	619.43
Grappone	1,795.70
Sanel Auto Parts	996.57
Bristol Auto Parts	1,677.83
Route 104 Auto Repair	70.00
Northeast Tire	2,060.39
Wild Horse Welding	670.00
Jim Fifield	600.00

NH Municipal Truck Services	2,792.00
D. Bruce Evans	70.00
E. W. Sleeper	1,641.80
Alstart, starter	125.00
J & E Truck Repair	43.75
V. H. McDow	55.00
Atlantic Plow	57.50
Waukeena Machine	12.00
Ron Moran	30.00
Nova Electronics	69.65
Jordan Milton Equipment	18.11
HOP Sales	87.00
Donovan Spring	967.73
Fuller Ford	29.00
Ricky Moran, reimbursement for parts	62.60
Liberty International	340.25
Gateway Motors	138.45
L. R. Two Way, antenna repair	90.05
Future Supply Company	77.50
Total	\$ 17,257.40

AMBULANCE

Newfound Ambulance Service	\$ 5,400.00
Total	\$ 5,400.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NYNEX, phone service	\$ 42.45
Public Service of New Hampshire	622.22
Johnson & Dix, heating oil	822.63
S. G. Reed, repair kit	78.75
Irving Corporation, gasoline	112.13
Danbury Volunteer Fire Department 1996 Appropriation	6,000.00
Total	\$ 7,678.18

FOREST FIRE CONTROL

James Phelps, fire control fees	\$ 158.82
June Phelps, issuing permits	100.00
Total	\$ 258.82

CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Andy Phelps	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 1.00

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 4,334.85
Total	\$ 4,334.85

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Bert Hillsgrave, labor	\$ 5,611.25
Jim Larkin, labor	608.95
Thomas Blay, labor	21.00
NYNEX, phone service	158.46
Public Service of New Hampshire	274.59
R. P. Johnson, supplies	7.69
CWS Fence, fence posts	44.00
Waste Inc., disposal contract	31,643.66
Don Ford, transfer station cleanup	1,385.00
Total	\$ 39,754.60

RECYCLING

Gobin Disposal, container rental	\$ 1,180.00
Nancy Reed, reimbursement for film	14.29
Kearsarge Shopper, advertising	40.60
Postmaster, stamps for sending meeting notices	160.00
James Larkin, labor for signs and container pad	145.63
Carroll Concrete, container pad	120.35
R. P. Johnson, supplies for sign, posts	177.14
Total	\$ 1,838.01

HEALTH AGENCIES

Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses Association	\$ 2,061.33
Total	\$ 2,061.33

FAST SQUAD

Moore Medical, supplies	\$ 1,163.72
Bound Tree, medical supplies	151.50
Danbury Fast Squad, reimbursement for training	301.80
Lifeplus, cylinder refills	15.00
Repairs to 36X1	297.83
UCV-EMS Transition Course Fee	50.00
Ray Lavallee, reimbursement for training	195.00
Total	\$ 2,174.85

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 260.24
Richard Peterson, Landlord, rental assistance	150.00
Franklin Shop 'n Save, food assistance	218.56
Adairs Motor Inn, Landlord, rental assistance	200.00
Anson Smith, Landlord, rental assistance	350.00
Dead River, fuel assistance	75.00
Total	\$ 1,253.80

PARKS & RECREATION

Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 185.24
Piper Printing, raffle tickets	46.00
Ragged Mtn. Ski Area, ski program	1,000.00
Sandy Robinson, craft program	200.00
Bristol Community Center	4,326.00
Twila Cook, Easter Egg Hunt reimbursement	21.84
All Seasons Septic, Porta Potty rental	337.50
Noel Lopez, park mowing	200.00
Ron Bruno, equipment rental, redirecting traffic	600.00
Thomson Greenhouse, flowers	50.00
Total	\$ 6,966.58

LIBRARY

Dot McGonnigal, Librarian	\$ 1,392.00
Gertrude Smart, Asst. Librarian	192.00
Public Service of New Hampshire	133.08
Wallace Propane, heat	517.67
George Gamble Library, 96 book appropriation	1,500.00
Total	\$ 3,734.75

OLD HOME DAY

Moulton's Band	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 150.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

H. A. Holt, flags, markers	\$ 184.50
Total	\$ 184.50

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Ed Roche, Seniors' Cruise	\$ 350.00
Total	\$ 350.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Grappone Industrial, loader purchase	\$ 73,000.00
Mango Security, police security update	940.00
George Hill, Building Beautification, painting	1,562.00
Building Improvement, overhead door	1,900.00
Total	\$ 77,402.00

LONG-TERM DEBT, PRINCIPAL

New London Trust	\$ 20,586.00
Total	\$ 20,586.00

LONG-TERM DEBT, INTEREST

New London Trust	\$ 1,654.27
Total	\$ 1,654.27

TRUST FUND TRANSFERS

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Police Department Capital Reserve Fund	2,000.00
Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	15,000.00
Total	\$ 22,000.00

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Treasurer, Merrimack County, 1996 county tax	\$ 85,986.00
Total	\$ 85,986.00

NEWFOUND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newfound School District	\$ 996,087.00
Total	\$ 996,087.00

DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Treasurer, State of NH, vital statistics fees	\$ 262.00
Merrimack County Registry, filing fees	515.02
Department of Agriculture, dog licenses	420.50
Total	\$ 1,197.52

REFUNDS/OVERPAYMENTS/ABATEMENTS

Linda Pesaturo, overpayment	\$ 23.00
Oscar LeClair, overpayment	173.26
Russell Thibault, overpayment	8.75
Total	\$ 205.01

TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN

Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector	\$ 105,233.20
Total	\$ 105,233.20

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - MBA
RSA 32:18, 19 & 32:21

Total amount recommended by Budget Committee	\$ 422,456
Less Exclusions:	
Principal, Long-Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 25,336
Interest, Long-Term Bonds and Notes	3,251
<hr/> TOTAL EXCLUSIONS	\$ 28,587
Amount Recommended less	
Recommended Exclusion Amounts	\$ 393,869
Line 7 times 10%	\$ 39,386

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Danbury, certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Selectmen, Trustees of the Library and Trust Funds, and Boat Permit Fee Agent for the fiscal year 1995 and have found the same to be correctly cast and well vouched.

Leo Zaccaria

Arthur Ford

The Auditors are reviewing the accounts for 1996 and will report their findings as required by law by June 30, 1997.

SCHEUDLE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

New London Trust		\$ 20,673	Tax Mapping
Final Pymt. - Nov. 1997	\$ 10,336.50		
Bank of New Hampshire		\$ 60,000	Loader
April 1997	\$ 15,000	April 1998	\$ 15,000
April 1999	\$ 15,000	April 2000	\$ 15,000

SCHEUDLE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$ 281,000.00
Furniture and equipment	20,000.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	61,000.00
Furniture and equipment	15,000.00
Police Department equipment	24,000.00
Fire Department, lands and buildings	208,000.00
Furniture and equipment	251,000.00
Baptist Church and adjacent lot	19,000.00
Highway Department, lands and buildings	30,000.00
Equipment	323,000.00
Materials and supplies	5,000.00
Land & bldgs. acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
Arthur Bachelder lot	1,200.00
Barney Schlegal lot	17,060.00
Dicey lot	1,200.00
16 Echo Glen lots at \$ 3,420.00 each	54,880.00
Ragged Mtn. lots 32 & 33	10,120.00
Bog Bridge Lot	5,060.00
Independence Park	31,360.00
Echo Glen lots M8 & M9	6,860.00
Murray Hill lot	8,900.00
Roller House lot	1,000.00
Reynolds lot, Rte. 4	1,000.00
2 lots, Meadow Brook Lane-Wallace	6,860.00
Clarence Williams lot 1A-School Pond	5,000.00
Smith River lot-100' by High St. Bridge	1,000.00
School Pond-North End 1.28 acres	2,000.00
S. Danbury Lot (Paight)	5,060.00
Lawrence Shaw Property	17,185.00
Lot 7, DeRoma Subd. (Vogan)	9,860.00
Total	\$ 1,422,605.00

DANBURY PLANNING BOARD

The Danbury Planning Board thanks all who have taken time to attend our meetings and hearings, and to share their thoughts and ideas with us. All of our activities are open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend; notices and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the stores.

The Danbury Planning Board met fourteen times in 1996. The board approved two subdivisions, and determined that it did not have jurisdiction over two other land-use proposals which had been referred to it. The board participated in nine "preliminary conceptual consultations" with property owners, providing technical assistance to familiarize them with the Danbury subdivision requirements. At the invitation of the Grafton Planning Board, Danbury was also represented at a hearing on a permit for a proposed excavation in Grafton, which turned out not to have any anticipated impacts in our town.

The Planning Board continued work on the capital improvements program, and held a public hearing on the Capital Improvements Plan. It also held a public hearing on the revised application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to convert the former Baptist Church to a community service center. Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) planner Peer Kraft-Lund attended two Planning Board meetings and the Community Land Use Forum in September; and LRPC provided much-appreciated technical advice and assistance throughout the year, as did the NH Municipal Association.

Phyllis J. Taylor again served as a Commissioner of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, and was joined by Mary Lyn Ray as Danbury's other Commissioner. Phyllis was re-elected Treasurer of the LRPC, and continued to serve on the LRPC Board of Directors and the Commission's Transportation Committee. As in previous years, she donated her mileage and travel expenses, for the benefit of the Planning Board and the town.

We reluctantly accepted the resignation of alternate member Mary Quinn, whose service to the Planning Board in many capacities over the years has contributed immeasurably toward keeping and improving the special qualities of Danbury that we value as a community. Member Alfred "Duke" Reed also resigned from the Planning Board, in order to continue serving on the Budget Committee (state law allows only one Planning Board member on the Budget Committee). We welcomed Eddie Luke Phelps as a new alternate member. Secretary Albert Hopkins generously volunteered significant and time-consuming civic service, to fill the clerk position left vacant when Marie Meola moved to Florida. During the year, Planning Board members attended sixteen different planning and land-use workshops sponsored by Lakes Region Planning Commission, NH Municipal Association, the Office of State Planning, and others; a Danbury board member was a panelist at three of the statewide meetings. Board members also attended a map-interpretation workshop for town officials presented by Cartographic Associates. Throughout the year, the board has kept anxious and alert attention focused on an ethanol plant proposed

by Newfound Economic Development Corporation in neighboring Alexandria. We urge ALL Danbury residents to do the same. Inappropriate or poorly-planned development—whether within our town or adjacent to it—could have disastrous consequences for our tax rate, our environment, and our quality of life.

In 1996, the Planning Board proposed that several roads be designated "Scenic Roads," as provided by state law. The warrant article was not approved at town meeting, but the board members' concerns about respecting and maintaining the scenic and natural quality of the town's roads, while meeting safety and traffic needs, was addressed at a meeting of the Planning Board with the Board of Selectmen in early April. On a different but related transportation front, our proposals for a study of alternate access to Ragged Mountain Ski Area from Route 104 (to relieve congestion on Ragged Mountain Road), and a safety design study for the "Town Common" intersection of Routes 4 and 104, North Road, and High Street, were included in the Lakes Region Transportation Plan. Being in the plan is a first step toward eventual funding.

As noted in our 1995 report, one of the responsibilities of the Planning Board is to highlight the bonds that draw us together as a community, so we can construct a shared vision for building a better future. Danbury's effort to become the Daffodil Capital of New Hampshire received even more publicity in 1996; it was featured in *The Official New Hampshire Guidebook*, the state's principal travel promotion publication, which is used for US and international distribution. US Route 4 between Salisbury and Danbury was also shown in state tourist materials as a special scenic route. The Blazing Star Grange was honored with the Grange's First Place "Community Service Award" for New Hampshire, and placed third nationally. Then, in October, townspeople celebrated receipt of a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant—won against strong competition from towns and cities statewide—to rehabilitate the former Baptist Church as a community service center. The town owes Leo Zaccaria, and everyone involved with the Danbury Workshop project, the utmost admiration, appreciation, and congratulations!

In September, the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, with assistance from the Lakes Region Planning Commission, held a Community Land Use Forum at the Town Hall. Almost 50 people participated in a lively and thoughtful discussion, "talking as neighbors and friends and family." We considered the consequences of growth and change, and what the town might do to insure that Danbury people can work together to plan and accomplish the future we want for our town. There was broad agreement that "we as a town need to take charge of our future, because if we don't, outside forces will." It was also noted that development has both direct and hidden costs, but open land does not cost the town for services or for school taxes—what kind of balance is best for us? We talked about why we live here, what we like about Danbury, and what we want for the future. One participant observed that in Danbury, when something is needed, "people can generally put their differences aside long enough to get the job done."

The Selectmen and the Planning Board would like to keep this town-wide conversation going and the ideas flowing; we invite ALL interested residents to join a land-use committee that will be organized after Town Meeting. Its task will be to consider and to recommend a course of action for the town that can provide opportunities and avoid problems in the future, so that Danbury can manage growth and reconcile it with our needs and our resources.

We have the choice between designing the future that WE want, or—by failing to act—allowing our future to be decided for us, by others, through default. Which choice will Danbury and its citizens make?

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ray Wilson, Chair
Danbury Planning Board

NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT

The 1996 totals of the number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your town are as follows:

By your Animal Control Officer:

Dogs & Puppies: 2	Cats & Kittens: 0	TOTAL: 2
Returned to Owner: 1	Stray Other: 0	

From Local Residents:

Dogs & Puppies: 20	Cats & Kittens: 3	TOTAL: 23
Stray Cats: 1		TOTAL: 1

Total number of ALL animals received: 26

Your Society's shelter has been inspected and licensed by the State and fulfills your animal shelter requirements. Every town has stray animal problems and we encourage your town and especially your Animal Control Officer to call upon us in 1997 if you have any questions.

DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

As our community grows, so, unfortunately, does the need for Police services. Our department handled 281 more calls this year than we did in 1995. Because of your generosity, we had ample funds to respond without financial restrictions. We have tried to show our respect for your trust and generosity by sound business practices and have returned the unused portion to the general fund. I expect 1997 will be no different.

The Danbury Police Department is preparing, both in equipment and patrol services, to meet the needs of our community and to do so in a professional manner. Within 3 to 5 years, the Danbury Police Department will require a full-time patrol officer, and if we prepare correctly the transition will be smooth.

Of the 5,225 Calls for Service in 1996 to the Danbury Police Department, 1,533 required an officer's response as outlined below. A summary of the 1,533 Calls for Service requiring an officer's response is as follows:

Death/Injury	8	Assault	12
Arson	2	Burglary	11
Theft	64	Stolen Vehicle	2
Fraud	2	Recovered Property	4
Damaged Property	17	Controlled Substances	13
Family Offenses	16	Weapons Offenses	7
Public Peace	6	Traffic Offenses	50
Traffic Accidents	48	Traffic Control	5
Health/Safety	2	Privacy Violations	29
Animal Control	114	Public Order	53
Assist Other Dept.	196	Alarm	15
Lost Property	11	Missing Person	10
Licenses	17	Juvenile Offenses	55
Citizen Assists	119	Misc. Incidents	335
Civil Problems	40	Suspicious Incidents	27
Abandoned Vehicle	4	Criminal Warrants	26
Paper Service	11	Follow-ups	202

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to accomplish the completion of the Police Study to be conducted by NH Chiefs of Police and also the computer change-over with Merrimack County Sheriff's Office.

Dale, Jean and I thank you for your support and wish you all a healthy 1997.

Stephen J. Corsetti, Chief
Danbury Police Department

**DANBURY RECREATION COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL REPORT 1996**

Beginning Balance		\$ 2,785.15
Income		
Volleyball	\$ 13.00	
Winter Carnival	940.65	
CPR Course	27.00	
Cookout	220.00	
Cookbooks	624.00	
Grange Fair Breakdown	150.90	
Bake Sale	62.50	
Reim. Electric	152.30	
Donations	105.00	
Aluminum Recycling	490.18	
Raffle	26.00	
Interest	<u>33.67</u>	
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,845.20</u>	<u>\$ 2,845.20</u>
		<u>5,630.35</u>
Expenses		
Winter Carnival	\$ 315.59	
Daffodil Days	10.00	
Cookout	40.00	
Cookbooks	1,018.91	
Concrete	1,104.00	
Sealer	40.00	
Grange Fair	85.30	
X-mas Roping	37.50	
Calendar	<u>5.50</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,656.80</u>	<u>\$ 2,656.80</u>
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 2,973.55</u>

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

1996 Fire Statistics (Cost Shared)

<u>Fires Reported by County</u>		<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHRV	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

James D. Phelps
Forest Fire Warden

1996 was a much less active year than 1995 and for that we are grateful. More rain and more caution meant fewer fires in our town.

This will be the last year that I will be serving in the appointed position of Forest Fire Warden. I have been the warden since 1978, and my father, Myrl Phelps, served in this position for the 12 years before me.

Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and assistance in the last 31 years, and special thanks to my mother, June Phelps, who has issued thousands of burning permits during that time.

James D. Phelps

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Commissioner's & Chief's Report

On August 24, the Department sponsored an open house and chicken barbecue to celebrate fifty years of service to Danbury and to show our appreciation for the generous support of the residents and friends of our town.

During 1996 the Fire Department responded to 133 calls as listed below:

Fire Calls	40	Service Calls	8
Medical Aid	74	Motor Vehicle Accidents	11

The \$6,000.00 allocated by the town was used by the Fire Department to pay for the following:

- One Mobile Radio
- Two Highband Portable Radios
- Four Pagers
- Four Sets of Fire Protection Gear
- Training
- Tools and Equipment

We need several dedicated individuals to add to our ranks. Anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested should contact any Chief Officer of the Fire Department.

TO REPORT A FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL

911

Lloyd A. West, Commissioner

Robert B. Ford, Commissioner

Phyllis M. Wiggin, Commissioner

Merton E. Austin, Chief

DANBURY TRANSFER STATION

1996 has been a year of change. It was also a year without Reggie Glines, a man well liked by the Town. Many have commented on not having him here and have missed seeing him.

Recycling was voted on favorably at the Town Meeting and a committee was formed, headed by Debi Phelps. A lot of work was put into this to find a suitable plan that would be convenient for our small town and easy for our townspeople to use. Next, arrangements had to be made for containers and transportation. You have seen the results of their hard work at the transfer station. The response has been very good. Hopefully, even more people will respond to our hard work and efforts.

There is a need for better quality control over what goes into the containers so we can market a quality product and cut down on time needed to pick out the non-acceptables. Paper and broken-down cardboard must be walked to the farthest possible part of the roll-off and stacked to the ceiling. A full load yields us far more profit. This can mean the difference between breaking even or recycling costing us as taxpayers' money. The choice is yours.

I look forward to your kind help in 1997. Remember, if you have any questions, make an effort to find me, and I will be glad to answer them, no matter how small they may be. Also, I am there to assist you at any time that you need help.

Transfer Station and Recycling Center Attendant
Bert Hillsgrave

PS. The old Dump in its true sense has been closed for about 20 years. The burn pile is no longer the old Dump. Please change.

DANBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE

After investigating several options for starting a recycling program, we decided to do a "co-mingled" program. This means that all of our containers go into one roll-off and all our paper goes into another. This is shipped down to BFI in Hooksett where it is then separated, by hand, into different commodities.

Our one year contract allows us to ship BFI our containers, which they take with no charge. All mixed papers shipped to them yield us \$ 33.50 per ton. Since starting in September, we have shipped two roll-offs (6.09 TONS) of containers and two roll-offs (10.07 TONS) of paper. The mixed papers have yielded \$ 337.35 for the town.

We would like to thank those who are participating in our program:

Debi Phelps, Chairman

Nancy Reed

Nancy Buebendorf

Twila Cook

Audrey Hudak

Bert Hillsgrrove

When Recycling PLEASE:

- ☒ Rinse all containers
- ☒ NO plastic lids
- ☒ NO plastic bags
- ☒ ONLY #1 and #2 plastics
- ☒ ONLY container glass (all other glass goes into compactor)
- ☒ Clean paper without food particles
- ☒ NO wet paper
- ☒ Take time to put your paper on the stack
- ☒ NO staples in the cardboard
- ☒ Break down cardboard boxes and cartons
- ☒ NO trash with paper
- ☒ Remove hard covers off books
- ☒ Flatten milk jugs and cans (takes up less space)

SUGGESTIONS:

Brown paper bags (large size) can be filled with newspaper stacked vertically; magazines, junk mail, etc., can be stacked horizontally.

OLD HOME DAY – 1996

On Sunday, August 25, 1996, Danbury celebrated Old Home Day under the direction of Danbury Christian Church and its chairman Gary Ford, deacon of the church. The day started out with Sunday School for all ages in the morning, followed by a well attended Morning Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. led by Pastor Charles Hibbard and assisted by Gary, Rev. James Quimby from the South Danbury Christian Church, and Ruby Hill representing the United Church of Danbury. During the service we had prayers for those ill, announcements of the day, hymn singing, a message from Pastor Hibbard and special music provided by David Lloyd and his musical messengers. David played music with special musical instruments including music from wine glasses!

After the worship service, a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Danbury Christian Church. We then had our business meeting with it being decided that the South Danbury Christian Church will host the event in 1997. Albert Hopkins was elected president, Ruby Hill, vice president, Lynne Hopkins was elected secretary and Mary Lyn Ray was voted in as treasurer. Awards were given to the youngest, Kaitlyn Hibbard, 9 months; youngest at heart, Rev. Quimby; traveling farthest, Richard Hibbard of Eliot, Maine; and the largest family represented by Pastor Hibbard and his family. A Danbury trivia game was handed out to the participants and created a lot of interest and additional history revealed by those there.

In the mid-afternoon a concert provided by Moulton's Country Band of Sanbornton was presented at Independence Park free of charge for the residents of town and was attended and enjoyed by many.

In the evening a full concert was presented by David Lloyd and his group at Danbury Christian Church and many people came and were pleased with their special talents!

DANBURY WORKSHOP

The Office of State Planning is in active contractual partnership with the Town's administration in the construction process of the adaptive reuse of the Old Baptist Church. This is the long awaited Community Center intended to serve our local people in the many ways that will benefit all. The general terms are that the town will receive a total of \$ 350,000.00 to complete the project. This is being performed under the direction of the State with a professional administrator who cooperates with us in our desire to succeed.

GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY REPORT

Hours 12-4 P.M. Saturday year-round

Librarian: Dorothy McGonnigal

Additional Summer Hours – From April to November – 6-8 P.M.

Circulation for 1996 was 3,170 (adult: 2408, children: 762). This summer the children participated in a reading program sponsored by Pizza Hut and F.E.A. (Federal Education Association). We plan to continue the program this summer.

The library has been able to purchase a copier, a stand for the machine, a new globe and a step stool. Money for these was given to the library. Thank-you's go to Audrey Pellegrino, Andy Phelps, Kenny Phelps, Frank Quinn and Donna Hakins for helping in cleaning and repairs in the library; also to all who donated books to the library.

Our Trustee/Treasurer is leaving this year after taking care of our money for 6 years. Thank you, Amy Shepard, for a job well done.

1996 GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY REPORT OF LIBRARY INCOME

Library Income

Jan. 1, 1996 Balance	\$ 663.15
Town Appropriation	1,500.00
Interest from Trust Funds	135.53
Gift from the Close of the Kindergarten	<u>789.39</u>
1996 Total Funds	<u><u>\$ 3,028.07</u></u>

Library Expenses 1996

Books	1,631.64
Misc.	9.99
1996 Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 1,641.63</u></u>
December 31, 1996 Balance On Hand	<u><u>\$ 1,386.44</u></u>

DANBURY SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP

The Senior Citizens' Group enjoyed their Mount Washington boat trip in June and extend an invitation to any seniors in town to join them in this and all other activities.

Those "other activities" this year included the C.A.P. third Thursday lunches at the Grange Hall (sometimes Bingo afterwards), C.O.A. and three Mountain Senior lunches and entertainment in New London, and a walking program this winter under the auspices of C.O.A. and Proctor Academy at the Field House on Proctor grounds.

The contact people for these programs are:

Boat Trip: Ed Roche, Lena Hunt

C.O.A. Activities: Nancy Buebendorf

Danbury Senior Lunch: Dot Heath, Marge Ford, Dot McGonnigal

If you have an idea for any other programs or fun outings, bring them to our attention, please.

Ed Roche

LAKE SUNAPEE HEALTH CARE REPORT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

1996 Report of Services Provided in Danbury

Home Care Visits	974
Home Care Patients Served	39
Clinics: Flu & Other Immunizations	35
Well Child and Parent/Child Program	21
Day Care: Children Served	2

In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future — we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association. The future development of our new partnership and our innovative, high-quality programs will support the VNA's mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost-effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

Nine VNA employees and many volunteers live in Danbury. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bilk

President and CEO

**BELKNAP-MERRIMACK
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
1996 SUMMARY OF SERVICES**

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/Persons	Total Value
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM			
	Packages - 230	Persons - 21	\$5,108.30
CONGREGATE MEALS			
	Meals - 418	Persons - 34	\$2,227.94
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES			
	Meals - 258	Persons - 43	\$774.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE			
	Applications - 37	Individuals - 86	\$13,657.25
MEALS-ON-WHEELS			
	Meals - 1081	Persons - 8	\$6,388.71
WEATHERIZATION			
	Homes - 4	Persons - 13	\$13,921.98
FAMILY PLANNING			
	Visits - 18	Persons - 10	\$1,098.00
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN			
	Vouchers - 253	Persons - 21	\$9,740.50
GRAND TOTAL:			\$52,916.68

Information and Referral: CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

BRISTOL COMMUNITY CENTER 1996 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DANBURY

1996 has been a very busy and exciting year at the BCC with some great improvements and one big loss. This year we have finally become handicap accessible through the help and generosity of many local people and organizations. It required a lot of hard work and dedication from two people especially: Beth Mitchell, who successfully wrote and received a grant from the Fleet Youth All Stars for \$10,000.00 towards the project, and Melva Day who beat the bushes for donations of much needed labor and machinery.

Our big loss this year is the loss of Beth Mitchell as Director of the Bristol Community Center. This was not an easy decision for her and one made with her family being foremost in her mind. It is with great regret that we say good-bye to Beth as she has done so much for the BCC and community in her nine years here. Leslie Dion has been named as the new BCC Director.

Danbury residents participated in all programs at the BCC which included Aerobics, Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Dances, Teen Open House, Karate, Open House, Senior League Baseball & Softball, Umpire Clinics, Badminton, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Moms & Tots Tot Time, SHARE, Swimming Lessons, Arts in Motion, Volleyball, Art Classes, Basket Making Classes, Adult Basketball, Summer Camps, Ghost Walk, Haunted Hike, Soccer, Walking Club, Wrestling, Line Dance Classes and much, much more.

We would like to thank all Danbury residents who participated in the programs and special events. A special thanks goes to the Newfound School District and school principals for opening their doors to us and our ever growing programs. We would not be able to offer these without their support. Also, our thanks to Freudenberg-NOK for their continued generosity to the BCC and RP Williams for all they do throughout the year.

We especially need to thank the many volunteers that donate their time and energy here at the BCC each year. Whether it is coaching a team, chaperoning a dance, baking for our many fund-raisers or volunteering wherever needed, we could not possibly do what we do without you. The list is too numerous to mention, but you know who you are, and we thank you.

The BCC has just ended its 50th year. We are excited at the prospect of the next 50 serving the youth and adults of the Newfound Region.

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

July 1996 marked the fourth anniversary of Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc.

Throughout 1996, COA continued its growth. Membership increased by 13%, clients served by 30% and units of service by 35% over 1995.

Pursuing its aim "to help make our later years a productive, positive time of life instead of a time of loneliness and uncertainty," COA continued in 1996 to serve members with: Rides for non-drivers, Mr. Fixit repairs, Telephone Reassurance, Friendly Visitor, call-in services, Intergenerational projects and cooperative efforts with other organizations.

Conversations with Lunch, Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, Christmas reception and two programs funded by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities Council, "American Family" and "No, But I've Seen the Movie" served as social and educational gatherings with a combined attendance of over 1400 during 1996.

A walking program for seniors was introduced in November at the Sunapee High School gym. Other towns are scheduled to start on January 6, 1997.

On October 26, 1996 a conference for older people, their families and caregivers was held at Kearsarge Middle School. "Taking Back Our Elder Years" was hosted by COA and cosponsored by fifteen local agencies. Financial support was provided by the Hilary & James Cleveland Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The conference was led by Joan Doran, COA Vice Chairman, and was attended by over 200 seniors. A post-conference evaluation by attendees rated the program's six themes "excellent" or "very good." Many constructive suggestions were offered for future presentations.

On December 1, 1996 COA moved to its new Program Center at 12 Newport Road in New London. This larger center will allow for provision of services in-house rather than depending on donated space from other institutions. Programs to start in January will include exercise, bridge lessons, painting, quilting, nutrition, movies, card playing and games. Computer classes are planned to be introduced later in the year. Members will be kept informed by the COA Newsletter.

COA is deeply grateful for financial support from Danbury and other area towns, from donors to fund drives and events, from advertisers in its newsletter, from foundation grants and from individual clients.

COA extends a very special thank you to the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Except for Nancy Friese, administrative assistant, the COA is an entirely volunteer organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Bradley
Chairman of the Board

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DANBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date of Marriage	Name of the Bride	Residence of Bride at Time of Marriage	Name of the Groom	Residence of Groom at Time of Marriage
February 24	Barbara May Carlisle	Danbury-NH	Joseph Charles Wiggin	Danbury-NH
April 20	Judith A. Housand	Danbury-NH	William Bednarz	Danbury-NH
April 27	Tammy Karen Graham	Danbury-NH	David Bryan Winters	Danbury-NH
August 2	Carolyn J. Phillips	Danbury-NH	Randall J. Zoll	Danbury-NH
August 10	Jennifer L. Baird	Danbury-NH	Simon Kenton Barnett	Danbury-NH
August 17	Kathleen Mary Brunt	Danbury-NH	Thomas John Hebert	Danbury-NH
August 24	Rosemarie P. Mahoney	Lynn-MA	Kevin Robert Norris	Lynn-MA

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Name of Child	Name and Birthplace of Father	Maiden Name and Birthplace of Mother
April 2	Laconia	F	Megan Nicole Stubbs	Brian James Stubbs-CT	Sheryl Ann Farmer-NH
May 1	Concord	F	Kelly Lynn Maines	Richard Thomas Maines-NJ	Linda Lee Ordway-NH
May 3	Lebanon	F	Stacy Lynn Hackeman	Wayne Philip Hackeman-NH	Diane Louise Armstrong-NH
September 11	Franklin	F	Delaney Cheyenne McGonigle	James McGonigle-DE	Alice Jammette Epperly-NH
October 8	Laconia	M	Jedidiah Mark Hounsell	Mark Lee Hounsell-NH	Carol Jean Carpenter-NH
October 22	Concord	F	Amber Brooke Powers	Peter Ernest Powers-NH	Nancy Lee Holland-ME
December 24	New London	F	Brianna Theresa Lopez	Noel C. Lopez-Puerto Rico	Andrea J. Savard-NY
December 29	Franklin	M	Caius Finn Morales	Jeffery Allen Morales-CA	Kimberly Rae Morin-NH

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of the Deceased	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January 5	Danbury	William Andrew MacKenzie, Jr.	M	William Andrew MacKenzie, Sr.	Elizabeth Glass
January 20	Franklin	Lois Martha Baker	F	John V. Ford	Martha Walker
April 16	West Palm Beach, FL	Norman Barker	M	Frank G. Barker	Mary Monahan
May 26	Littleton	Anthony B. Sciuocco, Jr.	M	Anthony B. Sciuocco, Sr.	Antonia Orlando
June 1	Danbury	William Steele Bednarz	M	Walter Bednarz	Georgelina Pacheco
July 19	Danbury	Anna Marie Clews	F	Frank Howard Lawless	Ethel Kate Cove
August 3	Franklin	Doris Eudora MacNeill	F	Robert Nelson Lindsay	Ina Belle Branch
August 12	Danbury	Harriet Louise Ford	F	Walter Brown	Bessie Knowlton
September 2	Lebanon	Viola Charlotte Hannaford	F	Willis Allen	Martha Rand
November 4	New London	Dorothy Etta Ford	F	Edward Stevens	Edith Woodward
November 14	Franklin	Richard Frank Moran	M	Frank Moran	Thelma M. Dicey
December 19	Laconia	Roger Burton Elder	M	George Burton Elder	Rose Camp

